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## 't promises to keep food prices down till year's end

AN overwhelming success. "Prices would have doubled or even tripled had we not had it." He said that before the freeze went into effect, on June 24, Israeli suppliers were raising their prices at a faster pace than suppliers overseas. With the freeze, the pace has been equalized, as the Public Price Committee approved local price increases only if they were due to higher prices for imported raw materials.

This month, he said, the committee has received about 35 requests for price increase approvals, compared with 75 last month. "If we can confine the general price level increase to within one per cent a month, I shall be satisfied," he stated.

Food supplies for the approaching holiday season will be plentiful, he continued, and consumers will even benefit from a few voluntary price reductions.

He said large quantities of milled wheat ("bakka") and mackerel have arrived in the country recently, as have more than 600 tons of frozen beef liver. The latter will retail at 11.5 per kilo for the South American variety, and 12.75 for the North American. He urged all consumers to report immediately any violations of these or any other prices, to any regional office of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Last week the Supermarket and Tzochan supermarket chains announced reductions in the price of frozen beef for the holidays, and the Atlantic Fishing Company said it would charge less for its hake.

Yesterday, two large food distributors notified the Jerusalem Merchants Association they are following suit. Tzochan has cut the price of its soaps, detergents, shampoos, tooth pastes and cosmetics by five to 15 per cent. Prop and Sons, a major food wholesaler, announced price cuts on three of its lines: Tetley Tea will sell for 85 agorot a box of 25 tea bags instead of 11.10; a 170-gram box of Danish cornflakes is down from 112 to 100 agorot.

### PLENTY OF RICE

Persons who are stocking up on rice for fear that the price will soon rise are just wasting their time and tying up their money needlessly, according to Dr. Mendelbaum.

He said there was plenty of that staple food in the country's warehouses and in ships en route to Israel, and the price to the consumer will definitely remain unchanged, thanks to the Government's subsidy supports—despite the fact that international rice prices have soared in the past two years from approximately \$112 to \$400 per ton.

## ans display their el-made aircraft

(UPI). — Three Israeli four-man crew or drop 17 fully-equipped paratroops.

The makers, Israel Aircraft Industries, say the twin turbo-prop Arava is the most cost-effective solution to the problem of supplying and controlling vast expanses of territory, particularly in a counter-insurgency environment.

Our Aviation Correspondent adds: The Mexican Air Force has bought a total of five Arava aircraft so far and is contemplating the purchase of an additional, undisclosed number out of next year's construction series.

Arava planes have been sold to at least three South American air forces.

## ania envoy calls on F.M.

Abba Eban, Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs, called on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mr. Eban, who is also Minister of Defense, arrived in Cairo on Sunday and will stay for several days.

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## 'East Front' chiefs plan more talks

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Syrian head of state Hafez Assad were reported yesterday to be planning further summit meetings with Jordan's King Hussein to coordinate their political and military strategy.

Beirut's usually well-informed newspaper, "Al-Nahar," yesterday said that the three leaders were expected to meet in Damascus in November, and in Amman at the beginning of next year. The three heads of state met last week in Cairo and agreed to normalize their relations.

The summit meetings with Hussein are opposed by the Palestinian terrorists. Fatah chief Yasser Arafat yesterday said that the terrorists had "intentionally" kept out of the Cairo and the Damascus reconciliation talks with Amman, because the "Hussein of 1973 remained that of 1970." In 1970 the Jordanian monarch clamped down on the terrorists who were expelled from Jordan the following year.

In an interview with "Al-Nahar," Arafat said that the terrorists "believe King Hussein had made no policy changes that deserve rapprochement." He indicated that the two capitals' change in attitude toward Hussein was already having an effect on their attitude towards the terrorists. The Arab scene he said was now "a big swamp," threatening to engulf the terrorist movement.

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## ONLY 21 DROP OUT 9,000 stride through Samaria on Three Day March opener

By HIRSCH GOODMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Only 21 of the 9,000 marchers who set out on the first lap of the Three Day March at dawn yesterday failed to complete the 30-kilometre course. This is reported to be the lowest number of drop-outs in the March's 19-year history.

Yesterday's section of the March through the Samarian hills north of Beit El, was the hardest, the last 15 kilometres being up-hill.

This morning over 8,000 Gdud youth will join the main body of marchers, having arrived at the Beit-El camp site in groups throughout yesterday. Today's route will be in a similar area. Tomorrow, the marchers converge on Jerusalem.

The weather yesterday was ideal: a slight chill in the early morning when the first marchers left the main camp, and overcast until about 11.00, by which time most of the participants had completed two-thirds of the route.

All marchers questioned were satisfied with the arrangements and organization. At three-kilometre intervals along the route water trucks and ambulances — which remained largely unused — awaited the marchers, and at the 11th and 22nd kilometres there were rest camps with canteen and medical facilities.

CAMPS IN THE GLENS

These camps, situated in shady glens, also had synagogues for religious marchers who had not managed to say early morning prayers, having set out before dawn. Boot repair shops and blister-popping specialists who had not a moment's rest throughout the morning.

Care had been taken to ensure that long queues would not form at the canteens by having six separate trucks to dispense services. All foreign participants were met at the entrance to the camps by multi-lingual girl soldiers who ex-



THIS IS NOTHING — after the Alps, say these two stalwarts from Switzerland, photographed by Mike Goldberg yesterday on their 30 km. stroll up and down the Samarian hills on the first day of the Three Day March.

plained what services could be obtained where.

The first marchers completed the route by 3.15, covering the 30 kilometres in an amazing three-and-a-half hours. Most of the contestants, however, particularly large groups, came into base towards noon, having to battle the steep inclines when the sun broke through the clouds at 11.00 o'clock.

Spirit was high. Clapping and songs could be heard from the first mile to the last, and banners bearing the names and colours of the various groups dotted the serpentine route.

### HELPED BY RADIO

Marchers too tired to make their own music were able to tune in on transistors to the Army Radio Programme which started broadcasts at 1.00 a.m. specially for the March, punctuating pop music selections with a constant flow of March news.

The oldest contestant to walk yesterday was an 85-year-old Dane who politely turned down a suggestion that he join other "oldsters" on the last two days only. Dressed in bright red slacks, a black shirt and a huge hat, the old man looked sprightly and in good spirits as he entered the last lap shortly after 10 in the morning.

The youngest contestant — who despite constant efforts by this reporter could not be found — is allegedly six years old and march with his father. Tomorrow, year-old will walk the last lap in Jerusalem, together with his father, brother and two sisters. The family from Petah Tikva, who are on their sixth March.

Interim judgment handed by the panel of judges heard by Chief Commander yesterday voted a 100 per cent Israel Air Force as the best mixed group. Members of the Haganah continued on page 2.

## Chile coup to U.N. Council

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Cuba was expected to accuse the U.S. of complicity in last week's military coup in Chile when the Security Council, due to meet here late last night (Israel time).

The meeting was called as diplomats stream into New York for today's opening of the annual 12-week session of the General Assembly.

The Council was summoned urgently to deal with allegations by Cuba that the Chilean armed forces which toppled the regime of President Salvador Allende also attacked the Cuban Embassy in Santiago and damaged a Cuban freighter said to have been in international waters after unloading a cargo of sugar at a Chilean port.

Few observers doubted, however, that Cuban Ambassador Ricardo Alarcon Quesada would take aim at the U.S., asserting that a guiding role in the revolution was played by the U.S. President John F. Kennedy, who freely elected Marx who perished in the coup.

The Cuban Envoy was considered likely to recall incidents of the giant U.S. international telephone (ITT) sought to pay election in 1970.

The U.S. has rejected involvement in the takeover.

Chile's U.N. representative, Ambassador Humberto Delgado, a distinguished poet and a distinguished Allende, rest of the coup.

Chile will be represented by Council by its Consul-General in New York, Raul Mar, coming to the U.N. as legal adviser to the Ministry in Santiago.

## Fierce regin

By ARI RATH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SANTIAGO. — The governing junta all over Chile since last Tuesday has lifted, for the first time, for 12 hours yesterday as all shops were open and public services operated by order of the military rulers.

The junta issued the order in an effort to bring the country back to a "state of normal affairs," and no one, it appeared, disobeyed the order. It was the first time since the general strike was declared against the Allende Government on September 5 that all shopping and public services were fully operational — but the feeling, even on the part of those who favoured Allende's overthrow, was one of apprehension. It seems that the junta is tougher and fiercer than had been expected.

Leaders of the military junta have gone to great lengths over radio and television to stress that they are a "non-political" government, and will not interfere with either the left or the right, but are interested only in getting Chile's "National Reconstruction" started. At the same time, every effort has been made to discredit Allende personally and his regime. Rumours have spread about pornography being found in Allende's home and large amounts of foreign currency in the homes of his top officials.

APPEALS FOR BLOOD

The junta has declined to release any casualty figures, but modest estimates run into thousands of killed and wounded, mainly among left-wing extremists. The only proof that there are many wounded are the Government appeals over radio and television for people to donate blood. Lone left-wing snipers — "Francotiradores" — continue to hold out in some pockets of resistance in various parts of the city, including the centre around the former Presidential Palace — La Moneda — and shots can be heard every evening after dusk, as soon as the curfew goes into effect. The night curfew has not yet been lifted.

The official figures for the dead and wounded, released by the junta, appear grossly understated to those who witnessed the fighting all Tuesday and part of Wednesday, when air force bombers and heavy tanks pitched in the battle. A high-ranking officer said in all of Chile only 72 civilians were killed — but he conceded that many of the wounded might have died in the hospitals.

The official figures for the arrested are 5,200 — 4,400 of them in Santiago. Most of these are said to be held at the National Stadium. However, judging by the reports of many families, the figures are in fact much much larger. There have been reports of cruel treatment of the prisoners held by the junta.

## Assassination

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## Allende's w arrives in M

MEXICO (AP). — The Chilean President Salvador Allende arrived here on Sunday and appealed for world tests, saying "fascism has our country."

A banner-waving crowd of 1,000 greeted the Chilean plane carrying the President to Mexico City's Benito Juarez International Airport. Allende's wife and other family members were on hand.

In New Delhi, Cuba's Fidel Castro said yesterday that the Chilean government was "a fascist government" and that the U.S. "the fathers of the creature" news conference during en route home from a visit to North Vietnam.

Asked what proof he had up his accusation, Castro throughout Allende's rule had maintained close relations with the Chilean Army and supplied it with weapons. The same time was drawn loans.

## MINISTER'S REASONS

The new Minister of Interior, General Oscar Bonilla, on Friday gave his first press conference to both local and foreign correspondents, at which he only agreed to explain the reasons for the military revolution — "in order to save Chile from utter chaos."

He said the armed forces broke their 40-year tradition of non-intervention in the nation's political affairs, and decided to overthrow the government of Marxist President Salvador Allende, because "the minority wanted to enslave the majority."

Chile's political divisions would have led to a civil war, he said, that would have been much bloodier than the two-three day affair of overthrowing the Allende Government.

The press conference took place in an army camp on the southern outskirts of Santiago, where we were also shown some 400 sub-

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# Ahdut Avoda demurs as Ben-Aharon presses for party showdown

By MARK SEGAL  
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon yesterday demanded and got full backing from his influential Kibbutz Hameuhad Movement for a further term at the Histadrut helm. However, the kibbutz leaders who provide the financial and organizational backbone of ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda did not accept his demand for an immediate showdown at the Labour Party executive forum.

While Mr. Ben-Aharon also enjoys the backing of Mapam and ex-Rafi, the ex-Mapam majority remains adamant against submitting to his demands.

At yesterday's Kibbutz Hameuhad executive meeting, Mr. Ben-Aharon abandoned his protestation of last week that the Alignment's decline in the Histadrut elections was a vote of non-confidence in him personally and therefore he had no choice but to resign. Instead he took the offensive against the ex-Mapam leadership.

"It is an absolute scandal that the identity of the Secretary-General is not yet known, for in the 1969 Histadrut elections the next Secretary-General was known," Mr. Ben-Aharon said.

He again claimed that the Labour Party leadership and election campaign committee machinery did little to help him.

The Kibbutz Hameuhad meeting registered its support for Mr. Ben-Aharon serving a second term. However it did not adopt a resolution.

as demanded by Ben-Aharon, to call for a special session of the Labour Party executive bodies to hold a vote on the issue. It is understood that the Ahdut Ha'avoda kibbutz leadership feared that it would lose if it pressed for a showdown now at the Labour Party Central Committee. They hope that in behind-the-scenes manoeuvring they might keep Ben-Aharon in office, now that he has apparently abandoned his threat to resign.

Mapam and Rafi prefer having the decision on Ben-Aharon made now. Histadrut organizational department head Aharon Harel, the senior ex-Rafi man on the Histadrut Central Committee, told this reporter "the party has to decide now either way."

When the Kibbutz Hameuhad meeting got down to choosing its four Knesset candidates as part of ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda's eight-man quota in the Labour Alignment list, it sidestepped a possibly painful dilemma of having to choose between its three top leaders for Cabinet Membership by unanimously reconfirming Israel Galili, Yigal Alon and Ben-Aharon. In 1969 they had a secret ballot with the two highest vote getters — Galili and Alon — going to the Cabinet. Their fourth Knesset candidate is Labour Party Deputy Secretary-General Avraham Gever.

The Kibbutz younger leadership tried unsuccessfully to challenge Mr. Gever's nomination by inserting a Miss Rachel Givon, of Kibbutz Manara who is Mr. Yitzhak Rabin's sister.



HOLIDAY CARDS.—A floral design seems to amuse the young man at the right as he glances through the selection of Rosh Hashana greeting cards at this open-air stand in Tel Aviv. (Starphoto)

# Nine said for Netany

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NETANYA. — injured when tested by a soldier last night. Two children, legs while in the hands of the soldiers. The nine said for Netany.

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important sources drew attention what they described as significant statements: 1) That only that facilities would be drawn for group travel. 2) Dr. Kreisky, despite dissonance, also to stop the "accommodation" of Jews at the Schoenau. He said that "we shall think carefully about closing Schoenau." The Chancellor, in an interview, with Israel Television, said that at transit of emigrants in the past, this is an organisational problem, but not for the airlines.

NETANYA. — Dr. Kreisky was considering out his promise to by withholding official while leaving Israeli latitude in making arrangements to process. Judge Amos Zilberstein, in a decision, ordered the government to pay the cost of the government's camp, there were a number of problems, apart from issues involved, and had been taken. Officially if the camp down, a Foreign Minister said: "I don't know. The moment is that help close down all have to be done."

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# Lebanese spuds for '7th year'

Representatives of the Sabbatical Year Observance Committee were at Allenby Bridge yesterday to inspect the importing of Lebanese-grown potatoes through Jordan.

The Jewish calendar year about to end, 5733, is a sabbatical year — which means that strictly observant Jews do not eat produce grown by Jews. Throughout the year they have been buying fruit and vegetables from West Bank farmers who have not been able to supply potatoes. So 250 tons of potatoes have been imported from Lebanon.

The committee was given permission to import carrots through the Allenby Bridge.

The committee's representatives were joined at the bridge by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who came there to inspect arrangements made by the Military Government in preparation for the introduction of year-round visits by residents of neighbouring countries. (Nfm)

669 STUDENTS yesterday crossed at Kantara from Sinai to Egypt under the auspices of the International Red Cross.

# Rafah will end hired Arab labour in spring

Two moshavim in the Rafah Approaches yesterday agreed they would stop using hired Arab labour by next spring.

Representatives of Sadot and Netiv Ha'asara, at a meeting in Jerusalem with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, agreed to end this practice by March or April, with the understanding that the Zionist Organization would finance complete mechanization of their farm work. Until then, a limited number of permits for hired labour would be issued.

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# Land dispute may delay cement firm operation

A land dispute may hold up the start of operations at a new Nesher cement plant in Beit Shemesh, 25 kms. southwest of Jerusalem.

The Lands Authority gave Nesher an option to excavate clay for cement in 2,800 dunams of land, south of Beit Shemesh at a site which was part of the now defunct Kibbutz Kedma. The land, however, is claimed by three kibbutzim, Tsor'a, Harel and Beit Guvria. Clay-mining operations, which were to begin Sunday in a 470-dunam section, were prevented physically by members of Beit Guvria. They said they had not been informed of a change in the land's designation.

The Nesher plant manager blamed the conflicting claims on lack of coordination between governmental agencies. The plant's operation, he said, may have to be put off until next year, since clay mining cannot be carried out once the rains start. (Nfm)

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# Fatah were behind Paris Saudi Embassy kidnapping

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter  
An authoritative Kuwaiti newspaper yesterday charged that the Fatah was behind the operation in which five Arab gunmen kidnapped four Saudi Arabian diplomats in Paris and then flew them to Kuwait.

The newspaper, "Al-Rai al-Aam," said that the operation was masterminded by the Fatah representative in Iraq, Abu Nidal. The paper said he is a left-winger, known for his hostility to Saudi Arabia and Jordan. The gunmen demanded the release of Fatah leader Abu Daoud, now in a Jordanian prison.

Fatah had earlier denied any connection with the operation. However after it failed, Fatah sought the "extradition" of the five gunmen, for "interrogation and trial." Obviously under terrorist pressure, Kuwait was said to be considering handing over the five gunmen to the Fatah-sponsored Palestine Liberation Organization.

The paper said the Fatah leadership claimed their representative in Iraq had acted without the knowledge of the movement's headquarters. They emphasized that such "commando operations" were normally planned jointly by at least five Fatah leaders including Yasser Arafat, who at the time was attending the non-aligned conference in Algiers.

The charges made against the Fatah by the Kuwaiti newspaper were similar to the charges Sudan made against Fatah when it denied any association with the Black September terrorists who murdered three foreign diplomats at the Saudi Arabian embassy in Khartoum last March. The Khartoum operation was also masterminded by a Fatah official, who fled to Libya.

Waldheim says: U.N. to keep trying in M.E.  
UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said yesterday that he will continue contacts with Arab and Israeli leaders attending the U.N. General Assembly, which opens today, in hopes of developing ideas for progress following his recent five-nation Middle East tour.

"The talks I had with the leaders of the five countries have given me a new insight into their positions and their problems. I hope that my visit was also useful to them, not least in showing that the U.N. is determined to continue its efforts to assist them in finding a just and lasting settlement."

He said the U.N. has a clear mandate, he told the press. "As far as the Jarring mission is concerned, nothing has changed. It is evident that I shall keep Jarring informed. I had a meeting with him just before I left for the Middle East."

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